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Shuster Announces Grant to the Addison Community Volunteer Fire Department in Somerset County

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Addison Community Volunteer Fire Department has successfully secured a \$20,260 grant through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Fire Fighters Program (AFGP).

The \$20,260 grant will be used to purchase a variety of new operations and safety equipment for the department's firefighters. Examples of the new equipment include: new face masks for the firefighters' self contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs); voice amplifiers for breathing masks; and a new laptop and projector to increase in-house training for the department's firefighters.

"This is great news for the Addison Community V.F.D. and I congratulate them on their successful grant application," Shuster said. "The equipment this grant will bring to the fire department highlights exactly how important this grant program is to small and rural first responders. It will make the community safer and protect the lives of the firefighters at the same time. This is a true win-win for all involved."

Chief Compton said "This grant will help improve firefighter communications and safety, and also improve our in house training."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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